

Rockville Rainscapes Rewards Property Owner Agreement

between
City of Rockville, Maryland
and

Property Owner(s): _____

Property Address: _____

This Agreement is between City of Rockville, Maryland (the “City”), a body corporate and politic, and _____ (“Participants” or “Property Owners”), owners of the property located at _____ in Rockville, Maryland (the “Property”). This Agreement becomes effective once the designated representatives of both the Participant(s) and the City (collectively, the “Parties”) have signed it.

The purpose of the Agreement is to specify the general terms and conditions of the Property Owner’s participation in the City of Rockville’s Rainscapes Rewards Program (the “Program”).

Definitions

Rain Barrel means a container that holds at least 55 gallons or more of precipitation for landscape irrigation or other non-potable uses.

Conservation Landscaping is the removal of turf grass and/or NNI species as listed in Rockville’s NNI plant list and replacement with plant species that have more extensive, deeper root systems.

Tree Canopy is the planting of trees meeting specifications outlined on the Rockville Rainscapes application to reduce stormwater runoff, improve air quality, provide wildlife habitat, and contribute to savings on energy bills through the cooling effect of shade from trees.

Background

1. The City Council has authorized the creation of a rebate program to be administered through the Environmental Management Division (EMD). The purpose of the rebate program is to provide financial and other appropriate incentives to residential property owners to encourage the use of environmentally sensitive, low-impact stormwater runoff control techniques to reduce the impact of uncontrolled stormwater runoff and improve stream water quality in Rockville.
2. Under the Rockville Rainscapes Rewards Program, the City makes rebate payments available to owners of residential properties that do not currently have on-site stormwater management controls, and who utilize approved stormwater management techniques as outline in the Design Guidelines and Criteria for Project Eligibility included in the RainScapes application packets.

3. The Property Owner(s) has met all applicable eligibility requirements, qualifications, and project standards and criteria as outlined in the Rockville Rainscapes Rewards Application and the associated application has been approved by EMD on _____.

Mutual Agreements:

The Parties agree as follows:

1. The Property Owner shall be responsible for all maintenance associated with any project receiving funding through the Program (the "Project(s)").
2. The Property Owner shall allow representatives of the City to enter the Property to inspect the Project(s) at all reasonable times.
3. The Property Owner shall comply with all applicable regulations and warranties associated with the Project(s), including obtaining necessary permits.
4. The City may make public the results of any program evaluation or data collection, including any photographs, images, or recordings, undertaken by the City in connection with the Program.
5. The Participant must promptly notify EMD of any change in ownership of the Property after the Parties have executed this Agreement.
6. The Property Owner, by participating in the Rainscapes Rewards Program, hereby releases the City of Rockville and its agents, officers, directors, employees, or any other persons acting on its behalf from any liability for damages or injuries resulting from its participation in the Program. The Property Owner agrees to indemnify and hold The City of Rockville harmless for any injuries, damages, or claims arising from the Program.

Total Cost of Project: _____

Total Amount of RainScapes Rewards Rebate: _____

For Property Owner(s)

For City of Rockville, Maryland

Property Owner's Signature

Environmental Management Chief
CITY OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
30 Courthouse Square, Suite 100
Rockville, Maryland 20850-2540

[Property Owner Signature]

Date: _____

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